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Romans 1.21. Because that when they knew God, they glorisied him not as God, neither were thankful; but became vain in their Imagination, their Foolish Heart was darkned.

Vers. 22. Professing themselves to be wise, they became Fools.

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Aving lately seen a Book printed by J. B. intituled, Antischrist Transformations Within discovered by the Light Within, this Testimony arose in my Heart, That Antichrist's Transformations within is setting and would set it self above the Light within, in such as have departed from it in themselves, amongst whom is this J. B. with some others, who went out from us because they were not of us, but went out, and so are made manifest; who, had they continued in the Light, they had not been pushing at us and it; for such are at Unity with the Light, and in it, in sweet Fellowship, Peace and Communion one with another, and there is no Occasion of stumbling in them because they walk in the Light: And these have been much opposed since they were a People, gathered by the Light, in it to walk; and the Enemy hath laboured alwayes to disperse their gatherings, and to hedge up

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thei: Path; and when the National Priefts and others of all forts, with their Weapons, could effect nothing, then have there arose some amongst our selves, who have spoke perverse things to draw after them; and fo, this is no new thing, neither would we have any ftartied, or make a wrong judgment concerning us or the bleffed Light because thereof, and so make their Bonds ffrong; for fo you may read it was in the Primitive Times: And those are more subtil then others, in that they have known something of the Openings of the Truth. whilft in their first Love, Tenderness and Lowliness, unto which it did open, which State they having loft have made ule thereof to make War against the Light and the Dwellers therein; and the Knowledge has puft such up who have fed there, and departed from the Grace that humbleth and keepeth humble, out of Contention, and Strife, and Enmity, where these dwell who speak Evil of Dignities, and Despile Government, and would pretend to give Honour to the Light, but dishonour and dif-regard them that are the Meffenger- and were the Bringers of the Glad-tidings thereof to their Ears, who ha e turned many to Righteousness, who do and shall thine forever and eyer : And this Subtilty is feen, and this transformed Angel of Light is discovered, though he come in that Name and under the Pretence of Light, crying out against Man, and calling it Man's Power and Mon's Authority, as divided from the Lord's Power and his Authority, even in those that are begotten of it, and live upon it, and act by it, and judge the World through it; and this i not to honour the Light, which has honoured them that have honoured it, and given them Power, which hath reached through them even to Thousands. who are their Witnesses they have used it to Edification and not to Destruction : Neither have such forced any, or exercifed Dominion over the Consciences of any, as Rome and other Chuches have done by their Coercive power and Penal Laws; to none like to be fo enfnared by their Power and Authority given them of God to judge Error and Blasphemy, and whatever rifes up that is of a contrary Nature to the pure Light and peaceable Spirit of Righteoulnels, which has brought us forth

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a People to his Praise, amongst whom is the Spirit of Judge ment and a found Mind, who have the Mind of Chrift, and will not be divided from their Husband, their Maker, nor let his Judgments depart from his Law that he has placed in their Hearts, and his Righteousness that he put in his Spirit in their Inward Parts, which now goeth forth to judge Unrighteoulnels and Filthinels, as well of Spirit as Flesh, which makes the filthy Dreamers that despile Dominion angry, and causes them to vent their Confusion, Blasphemy and Darkness, to the manifesting their own Shame, as F. B. has done, because Judgment is gone forth against him for denying that Christ that dved at Ferusalem to be the Judge and Saviour, who having denyed him in his Workings for our Salvation, we cannot think it ftrange to fee him inveighing against the Minifters and Elders, and the Form and Order in the Church, eftablished by the Lord, and his Power in them, which disowns. his Diforder, and Informings from Satan's Transformings against the Light within his People, which can never leffen the Fame and Glory of the true Ministers, or their Power and Authority in the Churches, amongst which the Lord has given : them a Name, who, as he fent his Son into the World, fo hath his Son fent them, and hath fandlified them through the Truth, that they may be one as the Father is one, and the Glory which the Father gave him he bath given them, though F. B. grudges them it, and that which they have they return unto him, who is the Giver, God bleffed fo ever.

Thy Judgment is thou fayest and believest, That mbatever is writ to the Churches by Men, Elders, one be to be written by the Holy Ghost, whether it be Exhortation or Counsel, Admonition, Warning of Evil, &c. in Matters of Conscience, which things belong to God. So then they have Power in the Holy Ghost to admonish and warn in things relating to Conscience according to thy Judgment; but we may go something surther as well as our Brother Paul, who wrote to the Churc es Advice and Counsel, and said, He spake by Permission, and not by Commandment, and sometimes not the Lord but He spake,

And the Paper to the Churchet (thou fayest) is not to be owned, because it was writ from a Sight or a Senso, or Sensible Part. and not from the Spirit of Revelation. As if that implyed Contradiction, as if the Spirit's Revelation put out Sight and Senfibility, and fo thou wouldft have Blind Elders and Senfles Ministers : and is not this from Satan's Transformings in thee? and has he not led thee here into the Ditch? for did not the'e that spoke forth the Spirit's Revelations, speak from a Sight and a Senfe, and from that Part in them that was made feafible of the Revelation? and were not the Prophets called Sees? and were they not to declare what they faw? and did they not freak from the fight they had of the Mind of the Lord? and were not they fensible of what they declared? And did not the Apostle declare what he had seen with his Eyes, and his Hands had handled, and what he had rafted of the Word of Life? To his Sen'es were exercised therein, and from the Sense he wrote; but thou, who half loft thy Sense and Feeling, cryeft out against Sensible Ministers and Elders; and so People may fee what Ruff they have, and are like to have from thee, which

So there run'if on in thy fenflels Stuff, and layeft, The Woman is the Soul, Heart and Mind of every Vifible Man. And whence haft thou this? who art crying out against us for not holding the Form of Sound Words? haft not thou prefumed herein above what is written? where does the Scripture lay to? or where can it be so much as inferred from thence? and dost thou think to recover thy self with writing such stuff as this, or hurr us thereby? or will it not make thy Folly more

is full of Senslefness; and 'tis much if thou canft put it off

with giving it away; for it is not worth buying.

manifest, that it might proceed no further.

And the fo owing part concerns thy felf, whose Mind the Adverfary has stoln from the Light, that would have kept humble, out of the Headiness and spirit of Exaltation, in which thou stands feeding upon the Tree of Knowledge, that has

Teachings, Leadings and Formings of his People.

And thy not owning the Judgment and Superiority of the Ministers who say, He that is not juftified by the Witness of God in Friends, in condemned of it in himfelf, does not make it untrue, who contendelt against the Truth and its Ministers ; for God's Witness is one, and its Judgment one, and as his Name is one so is his People (though such as are got into Mardness, above the Fear, would divide them, and make their Judgment differ) wherefore it will hold true forever, That such as are unreconciled to the Church, are no Ministers to the Church; for God's Church and He are in Unity (which thou art infensible of, being divided from it) and the Church is in God; fo they that are unreconsiled to the Church, are unreconciled to God, and fo can be no Ministers unto it; and he gives his Power to the Church that is in him; and they that will not hear the Church, let them be as Publicans, faith Christ: and fuch unchurch themselves that receive not the Judgment of the Church that is in God, the Pillar and Ground of Truth: and though the False Church may and does bring Snares, yet will the True Church of God never bring Snares upon her Members.

And thy Testimony against the Practice of Imposing Books (as thou deemest it) savours more of Malice then Truth; for thou knowest, there were none imposed upon thee, nor any in the Meeting; and thou hast dealt Enviously and Treacherously in the Relation thereof: and when it was mentioned at Sudbury (where J. B. opposed it) it was lest to Friends Freedoms, who all besides him then and there consented, without the least Contradiction. But he has more gratified his, own Enmity, then shown his care for the Poor. And so J. B. thou hast lost the sense of the Light that saves, and art got into that which destroyes, and darkens, and vails, as they that read thy Book may feel the Darkness, it is so thick.

And thy crying up the Light to cry down the McHengers and

Labourers it has fent forth, is not from the Light, but from the Transformings of Satan, who informs against its Messengers and Ministers; for the Light said of such, Ton are the Salt of the Earth, and that falts the Earth; and he calls them. The Light of the World, and has not excluded them from being Fellow-Workers together with him, nor yet ashamed to call them Breth: en: So thou and thy Work are discerned, and there's Thousands can never forget the Day of their Convinces ment, who would have even pluckt out their Eyes for them that were made instrumental in the Power and Spirit of the Lord, to beget them to God, having them in Efteem for their Works fake, accounting them worthy of doubte Honour (though thou haft loft thy First Love and Sense of the Heavenly Visitation, that reached through them unto thee) which they can't forget who have kept their Habitation, but must highly effect them by whom they were begotten to the Lord, as Fathers: and fuch as have believed through their Word, and abide therein, can't think fleightly of their Authority, and that Power which hath effectually wrought for the breaking all Impolitions and Yoaks of Bondage from off their Souls, and thole are found Witneffes for them, they are no Impofers of fuch Yoaks, and fo thy Arguments fall of themselves.

And thou who denyeft the Refurrection of the Power, or the ariling of the Seed, or God in Man, halt therein flewn the Effect of the Power of Darkness and Seed of Enmity riten in thy felf. Jesus Christ humbled himself, and made himself of no Reputation, but descended, that he might bring man up out of the Fall, and in this Respect he is truly faid to suffer the Just for the Unjust, that he might bring again to God, who in the pouring forth his Soul unto Death comes to fee his Seed, and fo thou art a Stranger to the Sufferings of Jefes, and knows not the Fellowship of them, who never wert baptized into his Death with him, who art denying the Extent and Effect of his Sufferings, thou being out of the Senle and Feeling. And if that which God made in Man be in Bondage and Captivity (as thou fayeft) then must be descend thither to fetch it out; and this is according to Scripture, which fayes, I looked, and there

there was none to help, and my own Arm brought Salvation, And fo tis thou must come into Silence, and fit in the Dust, who art an Inhabitant of Kir of Moab; and thy Ranting Spirit is discerned, who talkelt of the World's being the Church of God; and what needs thou make such a do about Error in Principles and Practices? they can but lead into the World, and fo into the Church of God: and if he be above in all the Sons and Daughters of men, he is then in his proper tlace, and the Devil is in his, and fo thou might'ff have spared thy Pain : but the Scripture fayes, His Sculis proffed as a Cart is preff. d with Sheaves; and are not the Sheaves above the Cart it preffes? And doth not David fay, Let Ged arife, and bis Enemies fall be scattered? And though God in his Soveraignity be over Man to his Condemnation, yet he delights not in the Death and Condempation of Man; but fo great is his Love towards him, that he would rather have him under the Power of his Love and Mercy, which can't be as Man is in the Fall; but by fending his Son to fuffer, which Man being truly fensible of, through the Participation thereof, comes to attain to the Power of his Refurrection, and fo by being rifen with him becomes a Toynt-Heir of his Kindness and Mercy: And thou ownest the Light and Spirit to be the Resurrection, but denyeft the Resurrection of the Power and Light; How great is thy Darkneis! and how do the Chains of it wrap thee about? How can't thou own it to be the Resurrection, if it rise not in Man? for Resurrettion fignifies that which in rifen again, which necessarily implyes a descending before that: And unto them that fear my Name fhall the Son of Righteoufnefs arife; but thou being out of the Fear of his Name opposest his Rifing. and so knowest not truly the Resurrection, and therefore believest against, and wouldst not have him arise in Man and : Woman; But his Power is rifen in Thousands, who can tellihe against thee; and he which was dead is alive, and rilen on ver Death, Hell and the Grave, Glory, Glory forever.

And who fayes, that God has loft his D-minion in man? for we fay, That Man is only in fault, who is under the Region and Power of Darkness, and therefore is Christ sent to, seek and to fave that which is loft; and he that feeks a Thing, declares thereby tis loft; and he hath both fought as and found us out, who were as Sheep going aftray. And thou denyeft the Travait of the Seed, and so are unacquainted with the Labour of Love and Kindness of God in Christ, and wouldst make it wid in Men and Women, who being deprived of the Right of his D welling-place does stand at the Door and Knock, and cryes, Open, open unto me, till his Head is filled with Dew, and his Locks with the Drops of the Night; and his Light has been put out (as to Man) and by hum, though in it self it cannot be put out; and the Candle of the wicked is often put out, and is put out in thee, and so thou writest a twhat thou half seen; for the light that thou aftest and writest by is Darkness, and how great it is thy Book in a great Measure does manisest.

And the Devil (thou sayest) sould never get into Heaven fince be was thrown down. How then came the War in Heaven that John saw, who was in the Spirit; and so thou art not in the Spirit, but in the Transformation, that hath not seen it; and John's Revelation was since the Fall, who saw it, Michael and his Angels making-War against the Devil and his Angels; and so thou art ignorant of the Scriptures and the Power of God, that makes War against the Devil and his Angels, who fits in the Temple of God, shewing himself that he is God, and is exalted above all that is called God, and his Sear and Power in thee and thy Brethren is that which makes War against them who sit in the Heavenly Places in Circist Jesus, who are his Ministers and Elders; but John saw they prevailed not, welther was their place found in Heaven any more, and so do

And as to our Testimony to that Christ that dyed without the Gates at Yernfalem, we are glad for the Truth & our takes) thou hast printed it, and our dealings with thee in that Particular, concerning thy Opposition to us in it, and we can leave it to the Witness of God in the Consciences of them that see it; and thy seeming Answer unto it is something Answered in what is already written; and I am willing to add this surther, seeing thou thinkest thou are yet unanswered, and also for the sake

take of the Simple : Rome and the Priefts faying, That they own fultification and Condemnation by that Chrift that dyed at Jerufalem, makes it not antichristian Doctrine; and we do not deny the True Doftrine that Rome and the Priefts own, but the Antichriftian; and its not contrary to the Scriptures and the Form of Sound Words, to expel Juft fication and Condemnation by that Christ that dyed at Jerufalem, but agreeing with them: And thy Subtilty is feen, in taking those Expressions to exclude the Manhood, in which it is really included, which faves, By Grass you are faved, and therefore not by him that dyed, though he was full of Grace, and by it tafted Death that: he might reconcile unto God, without which no Salvation: And by the Light of the World we are cordimned; as if that was. not be who dyed, who faid, I am the Light of the World; fo. that I might as well fay, because it is faid, The Seed of the Wo man hall brusfe the Serpent's Head, therefore not the Seed of God; and a Man food be for an Hiding place, and a Covert from the Storm, therefore not Chrift; the Son of Man's Coming is as the Lightning, therefore not the Spirit; God hall judge the Worldby the Man Christ fa fus, therefore not by the Light; this is contrary to the Senfe of Scripture; for that includes them : in one, and joyns them together whom thou wouldst part affunder, as thou mayeft read in John, when Christ faid, The Son of Man must be lifted up : and they asked him, Who is the Son of Man? his Answer was, Yes a little while and the Light is with you, while you have the Light walk in it : likewise when the Babe was brought to Simeon, he took it in his Arms, fay. ing of it, Mine Eyes have feen thy Salvation, a Light to highten the Gentiles, coc, and the Prophet speaking of him. And thon Bethlem-Ephrata, who art one of the haft among ft the Tribes of Judah, out of thee fall come forth unto me be who fall ! be Ruler in Ifrael, whose Goings forth are from of old, from everlafting : fo He that came out of Bethlem was he that dved at Terufalem, who is the Ruler, that judges and condemns who was from Everlafting ; fo that the Genisles need not perifh that were in the World before that Body came in it for want of Salvation ; for his Goings were from of old, from Everlafting: B 2

and God's Anointed is spoken of, which is Christ (though thou

understandest it not) before his coming in that Body.

But thou tellft us, Only all the World was freed from their Offerings for Sin by that One Offering, and that Only has an Alfo too, they were outwardly reconciled by the Death of his Son. And was not he that was the One Offering for Sin, that ended all other Offerings, the Justifier, Condemner and Saviour? why celle did he put an End by it to all other Offerings, but because they were faulty, and had not Efficacy in them to justifie & fave? and he that reconciles to God by hi. Death-must needs be the a. Ione Juftifier and Saviour? and there's not another. And then to thwart the felf thou fayeft, 'Twas the Man in the Mystery that dyid, that was one with the Mystery, who was the Christ of God, being one with the Spirit of God; fo then according to this, he that dyed that was one with the Spirit of God, doth both justific, condemn and fave. And then in Contradiction again to the Man in the Mystery, thou lay it, 'Twas the Woman's Part that dyed, which was bis Soul and Body; for Eve (thou faveft) was in Transgression: And did his Soul and Body fin, which thou favest was the Woman's Pars, which was in Transeression? And in pag. 2, thou fayelt, The Woman is the Soul, Mind and Heart of every Visible Man and Woman: and fo thou makeft no Difference between his Soul and Body, and the Soul and Heart of every Visible Man and Woman; Oh gross Darkness, Blasphemy and Confusion!

And our Testimony has alwayes had a reverend Esteem of that Precious Blood that was spilt without the Gates, as being of great value in the Sight of the Lord, and having a Testimony in it towards the Remission of Sin, to obligge all that are lensible of the End thereof, not to live unto themselves, but unto him that dyed for them: And as they are to be blamed that will not come to the Light, but cry it down, relying upon the Death and Sufferings without it; so art thou, who pretendest to cry up the Light to render the Loving-kindness of the Lord invalid, in tending his Son to lay down his Life and Precious Blood, and take Death for Mankind; and such as speak from the Light, which is the Life that was in that blessed Body, can never dis-

regard, but have an high Eftern of what he did an I fuffered therein. And further, thou fayeft, There is a Soul, or an Invifible Woman, which God did make and place in every Visible Man. I never read before of an invisible women that God did make; no, that's thy making, and comes from thee, who doft not write from Sight or Senfe: a meer Figment of thine own Conceiving, being gone from the true Sense and Sight which gives a plain Understanding: And Eve (thou layeft) concessed and brought forth the first Invisible Man, the Son of Perdution, which brought Death over all; but thou telleft us not who the conceived by, and who brought Death over her, if the brought And in thy other Answer, which is much to the Death over all. fame, 'Tis plain in Scripture (thou fayeft) there's Two Chrifts, Chrift and Antichrift: And art not thou in the Transformings, that wouldst make Antichrift a Chrift? and who'le take the Information of this Informer can we think, but Satan, who would have Antichrift to be Chrift, and lay it upon the Scripture alle; but the Scriptures fav. There's but One Fasth, and One Lord Jojus Christ; and we believe them, and not thy Writingsfrom Satan's Transformings. And thou doft directly oppose the Scripture, who fayst, Christ came not of David or Ifrael; for in Rom. 1. 'tis faid, He did come of the Seed of David according to the Flesh, and so thy Spirit is feen, and the Opposition is discerned; and 'tis the less for us to be Opposed by thee, who art fo great an Oppofer of Scriptures.

And Antichrift (thou fayest) strives to bring in his Dostrine, and would be Head over all those Invisible Appearances that come from God, yea, and Visible Appearances also; which is suffilled in thee and thy Brethren, who are judging his Ministers, and the Wholson Order and Commendable Form in the Church, to lay them waste; nay, that spirit hath not left unattempted the Scriptures themselves, that so all Outward Foot steps in the Guings forth of the Light being abolished, and the Motions and Whimsies from Antichrist's Transformations set up in their place, the True Light and Spirit might thereby be abolished also; and that is the Word of Truth in my Hears to that spirit whose Workings have been to that End. So thy Work is seen, and Judgment gone forth against that spirit, which it cannot escape: And the Judgment of the Quarterly-Meeting is true, and will stand over thy Head sorever, except thou Repentest: And so the Reasons of thy Disowa-

ing us are some of them answered in what has been writ.

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And whereas thou difowns that Bedy or Church, who look upon themfelves to have Power to judge of Errors, and have not Power to convince of Error, &c. I aniwer, that that Power by which the Ministers and Elders amongst us do and have hidged Errors, the lame hath convinced Thoulands of their Errors and falle Doctrines, and I believe, even thee also in Years past, when thou wast little and tender : There is a difference between Conscience truly tender unto God, and that which is feared and hardned through Enmity, which is to be judged and condemned by the Church, and fuch as make Strife and Divin. on, to be amarkt by them that keep in the Power. And how canft thou deny thy lelf to be a Member of any Church, but the true, who halt declared, the World to be the Church of God; and the true camnot admit of thy belief and speaking, who believes and speaks contrary to the Faith of it? And how shouldest thou understand the Faith and Belief of the Church that is true, who art against Sight and Sense, and art gotten into another Principle, viz. the Darkness which cannot comprehend the Light and the things that are therein, which are only feen in its Pri-ciple truly? And thou preferreft Rome before us, and fo they may take thee; for thou haft been a Shame to us, who haft manifested so much Sottishnes and Hypocrisie, a tobe twenty Years and more amongst us, and be called after our Name, and yet all this while remain ignorant of our Faith and Belief touching Doctrine. And thou art for our marrying with the Na. tions; for thou layeft, The Lord made all Nations of one Blood; but the Nations have poluted themselves, and are gone from God's make, and the Lord hath gathered us out from the Nations and Kindreds; and thou wouldest have us mix with them again, and put that together, which God hath disjoyned, and this is the Informer's work against God, and his Christ's work: And when Naomy's Sons married, thou didft not fee where they were (who writes not from 4my Sight) for there was a Famine in the Land of Ifrael, and they were gotten into the Land of Moab amongst the Moabines, where the Lord cut them off, and made Naomy return empty, but when Ruth returned into the Land of Ifrael with her, the then match'd with Boaz of the Tribes of Ifrael; and fo we are Witnesses to the Matches in the Land of Ifrael, even of fuch as return from Monb; And the Law was not given forth when Mofes took the Ethiopian Woman; fo where there was no Law, there was no Tramprefion & God juft fird

bim, thou fayeff, contrary to his Commend, as thy ranting Spirit judgeth; but the Apostle commanded not to be unequally youkt, for what part bath a Believer with an Instide? and so thou art for the linsey-woolsey Garment and expects to be justified, and for bringing Confusion into the Churches of God, who is the God of Order, and not of Confusion, as in all the Churches, who hath set Watch men upon her Walls; so they have not set themselves, nor assumed Authority, but he hath raised and is raising Judges, as at first, and Councellors, as at the Beginning, Men searing him, and hating Coretousness, who judge for him alone, and bear not the spiritual Sword in vain.

And in thy first Query, where thou askest, What is the Fruit the Tree of Knowledge bears? in thy Book thou sayest, It was and is the Scriptures, And was not the Tree and Fruit of it before they were written? And in thy 21 Query thou sayest again, Such as are feeding upon the Tree of Knowledge or the Scripeures; so I perceive thou understandest not thy own Queries, and thou art not like to know more of them for me, who imployes thy Knowledge so is,

in which thou half fhewn us what Swine de with Pearls.

And to thy Post Crips, I refer the Reader to Geo. Whisehead's Anfwer to Will. Mucklow's Queries, and take only notice of that, where thou sayest, That which came as from thee in thy Book, was either from a Measure of the Spirit in thee, or from Satan in thee transformed into an Angel of Light: it seems thou well knowest not, but the Universal Spirit and Light thereof in all Consciences does, by which thou art judged, and thy Work manifested: And so, though thou hast born e the Name of a Quaker long, yet what an one thou hast been thy Work has declared; and thou art no Priest, no, (but the Lord makes his Priests) nor Teacher, mark that, and teach no more, seeing thou art none, &c. but an Informer, and so take thy Place amongst the Informers, who art Fellow-Worker with them, and must have their Wages, except thou Repent.

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Many other Grofs Absurdities, Confusions and Follies in J. B's Pamphlet are here omitted.